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By Senators McAuliffe, Finkbeiner, Regala, Johnson, Eide, Carlson, Winsley, Prentice, Oke and Kohl-Welles; by request of Superintendent of Public Instruction

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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE W. BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
2 AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF
5 PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE BOARD OF
6 EDUCATION, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
7 STANDARDS BOARD, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION
8 COORDINATING BOARD:

9 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
10 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
11 represent and petition as follows:

12 WHEREAS, One of the most influential factors in determining student
13 success is the quality of that student's teacher; and

14 WHEREAS, Many parts of the country are experiencing teacher
15 shortages, both in geographically hard-to-serve areas, and in
16 disciplines or diversity categories where there is a shortage of
17 qualified applicants; and

18 WHEREAS, The federal government has the unique roles of helping
19 those students who may fall through the cracks of state and local
20 efforts, and of fostering innovation on important national priorities;
21 and

1 WHEREAS, The federal government has the resources to deal with the
2 nation's pressing problems, and none is more important than the need
3 for every student to have a quality teacher; and

4 WHEREAS, The federal government has experience in offering grants
5 and forgivable loans to teachers in exchange for service;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that you work
7 together to continue to expand forgivable loan and grant opportunities
8 to encourage people to become fully qualified teachers in
9 geographically hard-to-serve areas, and in disciplines or diversity
10 categories where there is a shortage of qualified applicants.

11 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
12 transmitted to the Honorable George W. Bush, President of the United
13 States, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Executive
14 Director of the State Board of Education, the Executive Director of the
15 Professional Educator Standards Board, and the Executive Director of
16 the Higher Education Coordinating Board, the President of the United
17 States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each
18 member of Congress from the State of Washington.

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